

WELFARE BOARD WILL AMERICANIZE WIDOWED MOTHERS

Teaching Them American
Ideals Will Reduce Number
of Public Charges.

BOON TO FOREIGN BORN

Administration of Widows'
Pensions Lays Foundation
for Better Citizenship.

A movement to Americanize widowed mothers is to be launched to-morrow night at 8 o'clock in the City Hall by the Board of Child Welfare of New York City, which administers the Widows' Pension Law.

The Board of Child Welfare is now caring for 12,356 children and 6,594 mothers. It has found that many mothers are ignorant of the first rudiments of citizenship and have not become citizens. It has also found that many dependent and destitute children, who born in this country, are excluded from the allowances because their fathers had neglected to become citizens.

In the interest of the children as future citizens the effort will be made to Americanize these mothers and aid them in becoming citizens by teaching them American ideals and principles and assisting them in securing full citizenship.

The board at the last meeting resolved to divide the city into sections, so the mothers may be put to little or no trouble in coming to meetings for this purpose in school houses near their own homes.

A Federal agent will be present at the first meeting in City Hall, as at all the other meetings, to explain the methods for securing citizen papers for those who are ready for them.

It is of utmost importance to acquaint these mothers with American institutions and ideals in the interest of children.

Sophie Irene Leeb, President of the board, in an interview to-day said: "The value of mother love and keeping the children in the homes of their mothers is beyond cavil."

"The great corrective work already accomplished in the Widows' Pension Law has clearly demonstrated the efficacy of the source of prevention rather than the point of cure, in looking ahead to keep at a minimum the number of public charges."

"The economy already developed in the work is presented in the forthcoming report of the Board of Child Welfare. A few interesting items, however, I will set forth. In its prospective, constructive program for rehabilitating families, putting them on their feet, as it were, and making them self-respecting citizens, the Board of Child Welfare deems it of paramount importance to begin this work by making American mothers."

The mother's influence in the home, not in the neighborhood, is to be estimated, and if women, especially among the foreign-born, can be helped into a thorough realization of American ideals, the results will fully justify all the efforts made in this direction."

How far the burdens of the community have been relieved by granting allowances to destitute children in the homes of their mothers is shown by a recent survey of some of the agencies which administer the Widows' Pension Law. It was found that for the figures of which Miss Leeb quoted:

For one year ending June 30, in the Children's Court, out of approximately 20,000 children only 14 came under probation. As against this number 211 children of other widows, not receiving allowances, were under probation.

At the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, for one year ending in September, out of approximately 20,000 of the children cared for under the Child Welfare Board, only 23 were under the jurisdiction of this society. As against this number, 445 children of widows not receiving allowances for the city came before this society.

In the Welfare Bureau of the Police Department 37 children receiving allowances were apprehended for minor offenses, such as hitching on vehicles and throwing stones, while 310 children of other widows were brought to the attention of this bureau who were not under the jurisdiction of the Child Welfare Board.

Where allowances have been granted by the city to widowed mothers it has been found that their children are properly cared for, and there are very few cases of children coming into the above agencies. To Americanize all the mothers is another step for promoting proper ideals in the family.

Mayor Hylan will speak at the meeting. Members of the board will also address these mothers. The members of the Board of Child Welfare are Sophie Irene Leeb, President; Dr. William Irving Stern, Vice-President; and Mrs. Hannah B. Einstein.

**STATE AIDS 55,945
IN AMERICANIZATION**

Attendance in Classes for Foreigners Doubled Last Year, Report Shows.

ALBANY, Jan. 31.—Instruction in the English language and the principles of citizenship has been given 55,945 non-Societal speaking persons of foreign birth resident in New York State in the last year under the direction of the State Department of Education, and local boards of education. This Americanization work, as it is called, doubled in the period between Dec. 20, 1919, and Dec. 20, 1920, according to figures just compiled by the Immigrant Education Bureau of the division of vocational and extension education.

Reports show great progress in all phases of immigrant education, but especially in night school classes for foreigners. Attendance in these classes mounted from 22,170 in 1919 to 46,351 in 1920, and twenty-five communities added the work to their regular school programs.

DIAMONDS VALUED AT \$4,000 SAID TO BE UNDECLARED

Collector Newton Has Two
Cases Under Inquiry—Gems
Taken From Aquitania.

The case of Miss Juliette De Coppet, of No. 514 West 85th Street, in whose baggage approximately \$2,000 worth of undeclared jewelry was found after her arrival on the Aquitania yesterday, is the second to be unearthed on that vessel. Byron R. Newton, Collector of the Port, will take up not only her case to-day, but that of Harry Binder, a second cabin passenger, in whose underclothing cut diamonds valued at about \$4,000 were said to have been found after he had denied possession of them.

Miss de Coppet, who is a daughter of the late Edward J. de Coppet, was permitted to go home, where she said she had had trouble with customs inspectors about jewelry, but that her brother, Andre, was the only one who could talk about it. He could not be reached. A woman who said she was Mrs. Andre de Coppet said a mistake had been made, but it would be adjusted to-day, when Miss de Coppet explained to Collector Newton.

Miss de Coppet shared a stateroom on the Aquitania with Mme. Marcelle Semblich, opera singer. The stateroom was in Mme. Semblich's name.

The discovery of the jewelry was made after the passengers had left their staterooms, and the baggage had been taken to the pier. It came about only by chance. Thomas M. Hyatt, an inspector, was walking through a corridor when he came to the open door of a luxurious room and in it he found an empty jewelry box bearing the name of a Paris firm.

Hyatt reported his discovery to his superiors, and the baggage belonging to Mme. Semblich and Miss de Coppet was searched on the pier. Nothing was found in Mme. Semblich's baggage that had not been declared. In Miss de Coppet's baggage, however, the officials said, they found a piece of jewelry, set with diamonds, which had not been declared, and which fitted the box found in the waste basket as if the box had been made for it.

Miss de Coppet's father died in 1916 at the age of sixty-one, leaving an estate of \$1,676,555 to his son, Andre. Mr. de Coppet was senior member of the Stock Exchange house of De Coppet & Doremus.

The discovery of the diamonds in Harry Binder's possession came through a mysterious telephone call which reached the Custom House as midnight Saturday. A woman, was refused to give her name, told Joseph Cea, the night operator, that there was a man named Binder coming on the Aquitania with smuggled diamonds and then abruptly rang off. Cea immediately telephoned to Inspector Walsh, so he and Inspectors Kelly and Babcock were awaiting the passenger.

Binder, who lives at No. 367 Pearl Street, Brooklyn, and has an electric fixture business at No. 109 Myrtle Avenue, was questioned about smuggled goods as soon as he landed. He denied having anything dutiable and his baggage was searched. Nothing was found and he was ordered back on the ship for an inspection of his clothing.

After he had been stripped, still denying that he had brought diamonds over, the stones, seven of them, ranging from one to four karats to a total of twelve, valued at about \$4,000, were found and hidden in absorbent cotton and sewed in his underclothing.

Binder admitted buying the stones in Poland, where he had gone to bring to this country his father-in-law and mother-in-law and their four children. He said that food conditions were such in Poland that diamonds could be bought for almost a song. An Binder's father died last night he was permitted to go home.

MRS. W. L. WASHINGTON SUES
Seeks Divorce From Steel Man, Naming "Unidentified Woman."

William L. Washington, 304 Second Street, Brooklyn, today filed a bill for divorce in the Supreme Court by his wife, Mrs. W. L. Washington. In the papers, Mrs. Washington alleges her husband was indicted at a local hotel between Jan. 4 and 14 of last year, with "an unidentified woman." She also claims Mr. Washington "lived openly" with this woman in West Ninth Street, between July 13 and Dec. 28 of last year.

Scott, Girard and Bowler, for Mrs. Washington, asked Justice Appinal to appoint a referee. He reserved decision. Mrs. Washington believes her husband is now living at No. 13 West 114th Street.

WOMAN PLEADS CASE, WINS.
Court Grants Her Two More Months in Foreclosed Home.

So successfully did Mrs. Pauline Borer plead her case to-day that Justice Appinal of the Supreme Court granted her permission to live two more months longer in her home, No. 442 West Street, Brooklyn, from which the new landlord, Louis Hirsch and Joseph Schartz, had tried to remove her.

Mrs. Borer tried to own the house, but lost it through foreclosure proceedings. She said she had a husband and seven children and had been unable to find a home elsewhere. She was willing to pay \$100 a month for the two months' tenancy.

Army of Zion, Headed by Chorus of 400, Coming Here to Save Us With Blue Laws



Head of the Church in City of
Sunday Gloom Planning to
Swoop Down on New York
and Drive Sin From Man-
hattan Island Into the Sea.

ZION CITY, Ill., Jan. 31.—The Army of Zion, headed by a chorus of 400 in flowing white robes, chanting "Remember the Sabbath Day to Keep It Holy," will soon be marching down Broadway.

Indications here in the City of Sunday Gloom to-day were that W. G. Voliva, owner of Zion City and head of the Church of Zion, plans to swoop down on New York to drive sin from Manhattan Island into the harbor.

Voliva's triumphant entry into New York will not be a fiasco, his followers promise. The church of Zion has a large "war chest" to fight for blue laws, they said.

Two Blue Law Angels already are on the way to prepare the task of saving New York and making it into a large edition of Zion City. They are Helen Buhman and Belle Schellhorn.

Here are some of Voliva's rules in Zion City:

No movies
No theatres
No drug stores
No doctors
No oysters
No tobacco
No pork
No peekaboo

No church but
Dowies
No gambling
No jazz music
No Sunday motoring
No newspapers
No teaching chil-
dren the earth
No saloons
No beer, not even 12 per cent
No secret society
No vaccination
No card playing
No dancing

Do these blue laws sound like a joke?

Score of persons who have smoked or chewed tobacco within the precincts of Zion City have been sent to prison or fined.

Women have been driven from the streets for appearing in moderately low-necked waists. Voliva sent the wife of the chief of police with an armful of shawls to throw them around the necks of women who did not wear high-collared waists.

The Overseer himself announced he would go forth to slap the faces of any women in Zion whose costumes did not conform to his ideas.

Voliva controls the policies of Zion City absolutely. He bosses the schools, police and all City Government offices. He is absolute dictator and enforces his blue laws rigidly.

True, his attempts have failed in one or two instances. Two or three schools, including Methodist, have succeeded in establishing themselves in Zion City.

When it comes down to teaching the children, Voliva has the last word in the schools. His theory of a flat earth instead of a round one was enunciated there.

"The earth couldn't be round, or all the water would run off and the people in Australia would have to wear boots on their feet to keep from falling off. How could the Lord ascend and descend from Heaven if the earth is a globe whirling eighteen miles a minute?"

Not only does Voliva forbid the use of any kind of beer in Zion City—he will not let it pass through the town. Not long ago persons who attempted to transport beer through Zion to Chicago lost 17,000 gallons seized by Voliva's police, who poured it down the sewers.

In addition to all these prohibitions, Voliva anathematizes lightwads who do not come through with the tithe he demands. He usually is successful in making Zion Cityites loathe sin.

With the Zion City regulations imposed on New York City and enforced by policemen and Magistrates completely obedient to the Overseer, how would you like to live here?

There is some hope for the three-generations in the fact that John Alexander Dowie, founder of Zion City and the "Christian Catholic Apostolic Church in Zion," now ruled by Voliva, failed in his attempt to Zionize New York in 1903. Maybe the angels sent by Voliva will have no better luck.

OPPOSE NEW DRY BILL.
Objections Raised to Giving N. J. Magistrates Jurisdiction.

TRIDENTON, N. J., Jan. 31.—Strong objections to the bill, proposed by Assemblyman Jennie C. Van Ness, authorizing magistrates and justices of the peace to try alleged violators of the Volstead Act, were made to-day at a hearing before the Joint Judiciary at the state house. Members of the Anti-Saloon League attended the hearing in large numbers, and it was announced that they would oppose the bill to its passage.

Under Judge Crozier's new laws for public courts, it was said, women jurors may be asked uncomfortable questions.



W.G. VOLIVA

WEATHER DELAYS SHOPPING TRIP OF MRS. HARDING

Wife of President-Elect Re-
fuses Visitors, Insisting She
Wishes to Rest.

Mrs. Warren G. Harding, wife of the President-elect, remained in her rooms at the Ritz-Carlton to-day, receiving no formal visits, denying herself to the reporters and photographers who swarmed about the corridors but could not get beyond Harry Barker, the Secret Service man on guard.

The shopping trip for which the Fifth Avenue merchants had hoped was postponed, partly due to the weather, it was said, and partly because Mrs. Harding simply wanted to rest up after her journey to New York.

She had breakfast in her rooms with Mrs. Harry S. New, wife of the Indiana Senator, and Mrs. Edward B. McLean, wife of the Chairman of the Inaugural Committee.

This is Mrs. Harding's first visit to New York since her husband's election, and it is expected she will complete her wardrobe here before taking her place in the White House March 4. Mrs. Harding arrived here yesterday from Washington.

Mrs. Harding and her friends have a suite on the twelfth floor of the Ritz-Carlton, with two maids to look after their comfort. They will remain several days, but do not know exactly how long.

The wife of the next President was courteous and cordial when reporters met her as she stepped off the last Pullman car of the train in the Pennsylvania station.

"Oh, I just love you all!" she said, with her bright eyes smiling behind the oval of her glasses and to prove it she literally hugged a woman reporter.

"But," Mrs. Harding went on, "I'm not going to do any more. I can't, really. I'm tired, and there isn't anything I can say. I'm just going to the hotel and rest. I have no definite plans as to what I'm going to do, besides shop, but for to-night I'm not going to do anything at all."

Whereupon, accompanied by a Secret Service agent, who came along from Washington and a hotel representative who was waiting at the station, the lady-of-the-land-elect and her friends boarded a limousine and made their way to the Ritz-Carlton.

Mrs. Harding wore what the woman reporter who hugged said was a "delightful military" hat of black, rather small and adorned with plumes which might have been robin's egg blue, or maybe they were "Harding blue," as some of the modistes have been trying to sell the color, or "Marion blue," as others have attempted to term it in honor of the Ohio town whence comes yesterday's governor.

She wore a long coat of deep brown cloth, with a heavy seal collar that was fastened, so the rest of her gowning can't be here described.

**ORDERS CURTAIN
TO CONCEAL FAIR
JUROR'S ANKLES**

Ohio Judge Hears Plaintiff
Women Cannot Cross Their
Feet in Court.

SPRINGFIELD, O., Jan. 31.—Common Pleas Judge Geiger has promised women members of the jury that they would have a curtain erected along the front of the jury box at least waist high.

Women jurors complained that it was impossible for them to relieve the monotony of a single sitting position without occasionally crossing their legs. They occupy elevated positions in the court room, and even with their knees pressed the ankle display is noticeable.

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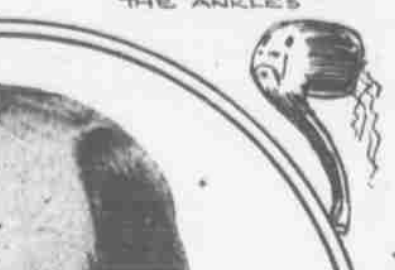
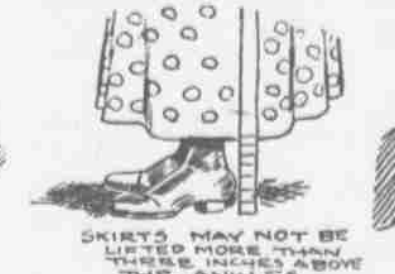
**GRAFTING BANKER
SENT TO SING SING**

One of Kind Who Stole Country-
men's Savings Exposed by
Evening World.

George Baldo, who at one time conducted a private bank at No. 2472 Arthur Avenue, pleaded guilty to-day to Justice Gibbs in the Bronx Supreme Court to an indictment charging grand larceny. He was sentenced to serve not less than five years nor more than eleven years in Sing Sing. The indictment recited that Baldo accepted \$200 from Rafael Baloni of No. 2473 Arthur Avenue, for transmission to Italy and pocketed the money.

Baldo was a type of the money transmitter who establishes himself in the confidence of his countrymen and steals their savings. He posed as a banker, although he had no license. Complaints filed with the Bronx District Attorney's office indicate that he stole probably \$14,000 from people who entrusted money to him for delivery to relatives in Italy.

As a result of The Evening World's campaign against dishonest self-styled "bankers" and "brokers" Baldo will probably soon be joined in Sing Sing by more of his sort of financiers.



W.G. VOLIVA

4 YOUNG WOMEN MISSING, POLICE TO SEARCH FOR THEM

Three Disappeared in One
Day; General Alarms
Out for All.

The police are to-day searching the city for four young women who have just been reported as missing and of whose whereabouts and of what may have happened to keep them from home their relatives are in ignorance.

Mrs. Viola Tenner, twenty years old, of No. 156 West 47th Street, disappeared on Jan. 29 at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, her husband, Joseph, reported. She has dark hair and brown eyes and wears a platinum wedding ring. When she left home she wore a short seal coat, black satin slippers, black silk stockings and a brown beaver hat with a tassel. She is 5 feet 3 inches tall and weighs 125 pounds.

Helen Trevala, seventeen, of No. 26 Carmine Street, left home at 8 o'clock A. M. the last day in a dark blue dress and black shoes and stockings. She wears a school class ring. Her eyes and hair are dark and she is 5 feet 6 inches tall, weighing 125 pounds.

Beulah Andrus, sixteen, has been absent from her home, No. 262 West 15th Street, since Jan. 9, leaving there with a girl who is supposed to be a telephone operator. Beulah is 5 feet 2 inches tall, weighs 105 pounds and has brown hair and fair complexion. She wore a brown suit. On the police slip she is listed as an "operator."

Gertrude Ebert, seventeen, a nurse-maid, has not been seen at her home, No. 277 West 123d Street, since Jan. 29 at 4 P. M. She has blue eyes and brown hair, is 7 feet 6 inches tall and weighs 120 pounds. She was dead in a black plush coat, a brown dress and tan suede shoes.

Mrs. Fanny Heitner, who came to the city a few days ago from Baku, Roumania, asked the police to find her son Adolph, thirty-one years old. She is living with her daughter, Mrs. Philip Kobrin, at No. 2 East 113th Street. Her son, she said, ran away from without when he was fourteen and went to Germany. Six years later she heard that he was working in a hospital and that he went to sea after that. She believes he came to this city recently. Mrs. Heitner said that her husband was shot in a spy by the Germans and that her daughter Clara was killed by a German soldier in Roumania.

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WALK IN THE SNOW IN S. I. AS PROTEST TO 8-CENT FARES

Citizens Plan to Fight 20 Per
Cent. Increase by Rapid
Transit Company.

Many Staten Islanders walked in the storm to-day to the Municipal Ferry rather than pay the eight-cent fare demanded on the local lines of the Staten Island Rapid Transit. There will be a meeting to-night at Borough Hall, St. George, to register formally the objection of the people to the 20 per cent. fare increase.

Borough President Van Name said that one of the chief arguments against any fare boost is the fact that the steam lines of the company run over some of the main highways.

A suggestion has been made that the Staten Island Civic League's 4,500 members, acting in concert with other indignant citizens, demand that the railroad be compelled to elevate its tracks.

The company charged a six-cent fare before the order for the 20 per cent. increase was issued.

TWO CASHIERS ARRAIGNED.
Held on Employers' Charges of
Thefts of Firms' Funds.

Herman J. Gerken, thirty, of No. 5134 Tiebout Avenue, Bronx, was one of two cashiers for stock brokers arraigned to-day before Magistrate Simms in Tombs Court, charged with stealing money from their firms. Gerken, who was arrested at his home last night by Detectives Fleming and Kalfeldt, was held in \$5,000 bail for examination Thursday. The complaint was Marshall Leff, No. 25 Broad Street, for whom he worked two years up to Nov. 15, when it was alleged, he took \$100, Assistant District Attorney said \$13,000 was missing.

Frederick Epstein, thirty-two, No. 78 Elwood Street, cashier for Neuberger, Henderson & Loeb, No. 100 Broadway, arrested by Detective Dunphy on complaint he had been stealing through the petty cash account, waived examination and was held in \$5,000 bail for the Grand Jury.

Big Increase in Capital Stock.
TRENTON, N. J., Jan. 31.—A certificate of increase of capital stock from \$12,000,000 to \$20,000,000 was filed with the Secretary of State today by the Standard Sanitary Manufacturing Company of 15 Exchange Place, Jersey City. Theodore Abrams is President of the company, and J. W. Oliver Secretary.

IN EVENING DRESS, 3 DRY AGENTS RAID WOODMANSTEN INN

Dine, Drink Highballs, Send
Guests Home and Then Seize
Thousands in Fine Liquors.

Woodmansten Inn, on the Williams-bridge Road, Bronx, one of the best known roadhouses in the five boroughs, was raided with fashionable diners shortly before midnight when three couples in evening dress drove up in a handsome limousine and were shown to a table.

During dinner, after they had been served with refreshments, the three men arose, told the waiter he was under arrest and that Uncle Sam temporarily was in charge. There was a little excitement at first, but a sight of the Government badges caused the crowd to get wraped and motor away as quickly as possible.

The three men in swallow tails were Moses Smith, Izzy Einstein and Herman Wittenberg of the flying squad under Prohibition Supervising Agent Chapin. The waiter arrested gave his name as Pascal Elie, No. 5 East 119th Street. A summons was served on the proprietor, Joseph L. Paul.

The Government agents said to-day it didn't look much like Prohibition times in the inn. They allege they paid \$1 for straight whiskey and \$1.25 for ginger ale highballs. They said their search after the arrest revealed several thousand dollars' worth of fine liquors, including champagnes, and what appeared to be pre-war beer, on ice. They remained on guard at the inn all night waiting for trucks to haul it away.

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